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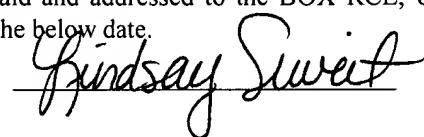
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In the Claims:

Claims 57 and 65 have been amended as follows:

57. (Twice Amended) A boot, comprising:

[a flexible highback portion located at the rear of the boot;]

medial and lateral side cable members on the boot [for urging the highback portion forwardly along medial and lateral sides thereof], wherein the cable members are attached at the same general forward portion of the boot; and

a tension adjustment member connected to the cable members for altering the length of said cable members, to provide more or less forward lean of the boot relative to a vertical line.

65. (Twice Amended) A boot comprising:

[a flexible highback portion located at the rear of the boot;]

medial and lateral side cable members on the boot [for urging the highback portion forwardly along medial and lateral sides thereof], wherein said medial and lateral side cable members attach to a front portion of the boot at [a region] one general position thereon.

Claims 84-96 have been added.

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